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Philip Hogen  
Chairman  
National Indian Gaming Commission  
1441 L Street, N.W., Suite 9100  
Washington, D.C. 20005

Re: Request for Consultation

Dear Chairman Hogen:

The Seminole Tribe of Florida respectfully requests that a consultation on the National Indian Gaming Commission's proposed Class II regulations be held in Florida before the end of the formal comment period. While the Tribe recognizes that the Commission has met with tribes in other parts of the country, it was surprising that no consultation was scheduled in Florida, where Class II games are the only games available. The Tribe depends on these games to generate the vast majority of its revenue. Moreover, the jobs of thousands of people (mostly non-Indian) depend on the availability of commercially viable Class II games.

As you know, the State of Florida has authorized certain pari-mutuel facilities to offer a total of 6,000 slot machines near three of the Tribe's gaming facilities. The first of these facilities is expected to be open within 60 days. Although there is no question that the Tribe has the right to offer slot machines, the Tribe has been unable to obtain a compact from the State of Florida and the Department of the Interior has failed to issue procedures for the Tribe. Thus, commercially viable Class II gaming remains of critical importance to the Tribe.

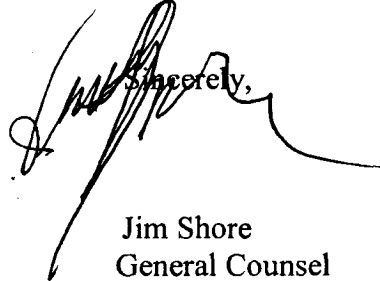
The Tribe would be happy to host a consultation, which it assumes would be open to other tribes, at the Tribe's gaming facility in Hollywood, Florida. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

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If you have any questions, regarding the foregoing, please contact this office.

  
Sincerely,  
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